

Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update **(as of June 30, 2010)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 99,559 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. Three hundred (300) applications have been denied, 68 cards have been revoked, 513 patients have died, and 3,201 cards have expired, bringing the total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards to 95,477.
- Seventy-one percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently twenty-four patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-eight percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 24 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-six percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 1,100 different physicians have signed for patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$90, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	7,084	7%
Alamosa	181	<1%
Arapahoe	8,696	9%
Archuleta	272	<1%
Baca	54	<1%
Bent	28	<1%
Boulder	9,165	10%
Broomfield	950	1%
Chaffee	383	<1%
Cheyenne	17	<1%
Clear Creek	372	<1%
Conejos	61	<1%
Costilla	79	<1%
Crowley	53	<1%
Custer	57	<1%
Delta	545	1%
Denver	14,421	15%

Dolores	56	<1%
Douglas	3,262	3%
Eagle	1,343	1%
El Paso	9,000	9%
Elbert	324	<1%
Fremont	741	1%
Garfield	1,529	2%
Gilpin	343	<1%
Grand	376	<1%
Gunnison	425	<1%
Hinsdale	16	<1%
Huerfano	135	<1%
Jackson	12	<1%
Jefferson	11,374	12%
Kiowa	4	<1%
Kit Carson	40	<1%
La Plata	1,156	1%
Lake	263	<1%
Larimer	7,536	8%
Las Animas	169	<1%
Lincoln	27	<1%
Logan	166	<1%
Mesa	2,583	3%
Mineral	9	<1%
Moffat	142	<1%
Montezuma	408	<1%
Montrose	606	1%
Morgan	163	<1%
Otero	144	<1%
Ouray	107	<1%
Park	745	1%
Phillips	29	<1%
Pitkin	690	1%
Prowers	56	<1%
Pueblo	1,674	2%
Rio Blanco	48	<1%
Rio Grande	108	<1%
Routt	706	1%
Saguache	152	<1%
San Juan	16	<1%
San Miguel	445	<1%
Sedgwick	16	<1%
Summit	1,298	1%
Teller	711	1%
Washington	42	<1%
Weld	3,815	4%
Yuma	49	<1%

* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

Reported Condition	Number of Patients Reporting Condition	Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**
Cachexia	1,166	1%
Cancer	1,873	2%
Glaucoma	818	1%
HIV/AIDS	499	1%
Muscle Spasms	23,338	24%
Seizures	1,386	1%
Severe Pain	89,970	94%
Severe Nausea	12,525	13%

**Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

Sex	Percent on Registry	Average Age**
Male	71%	39
Female	29%	42

** The overall average age of all patients is 40 years old.